

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2011

1. Call to Order

Chair Grocott called the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Members Present:

Cathy Baylock, Karyl Matsumoto, Ian Bain, Judi Mosqueda, Cory Roay, Paul Grantham, Frank Markowitz, Steve Schmidt, Marge Colapietro, Cathleen Baker, David Alfano

Staff/Guests Attending:

Tom Madalena, John Hoang, Rich Napier, Laureen Ledbetter, Al Meckler, Caryl Gay, Andrew Boone, Daryl Khee, Susan Wheeler, Kenneth Chin, Mark Eliot, Kelly Moran

3. Public Comment On Items Not On The Agenda

Mark Eliot of the public asked about the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), how it plays into the selection of projects, and how to be involved in the process. Rich Napier, C/CAG Executive Director, stated that members of the public could contact and work with Jean Higaki, C/CAG staff.

4. Minutes of January 27, 2011 Meeting

Motion: Member Baylock moved/Member Colapietro seconded approval of the January 27, 2011 minutes with revisions to the attendance and a reference to a letter that was distributed to BPAC members by a member of the public. Motion carried unanimously with member Alfano not voting as he was not yet present.

5. Update on the development of the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

John Hoang, C/CAG staff, presented this information item to update the BPAC as to the status of the update of the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. John mentioned that the schedule is to open the review comment period through March. He would like to bring the final draft to the BPAC in May to recommend adoption.

Members of the public spoke and mentioned that the BPAC should think hard about the prioritization criteria and emphasized the importance of bicycle parking. Public comment also included disappointment that the plan does not address an update process. It was mentioned that there are some errors in the plan as it relates to some routes in East Palo Alto. Public comment also included concern about the configuration of the North South route as it runs on Middlefield Road through North Fair Oaks.

Member Bain highlighted the renewed opportunity on Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks to encourage a renewed look at Middlefield Road by the newly elected Board of Supervisors.

Member Grantham mentioned that the policy in the plan is frankly boilerplate. The real issue for bicyclists and pedestrians is safety.

Member Markowitz mentioned that he noticed that the cost for the Tier 1 projects has increased. John Hoang responded that this was due to revised estimates for construction for two overcrossings.

Member Baker asked if we could look at using signage that includes distances or time length by bicycle to locations or places when working with cross-jurisdictional signage.

Chair Grocott mentioned that he noticed that when it comes to pedestrian focus areas, he was concerned that the emphasis is on areas like dense station areas and that rural areas may not get as much credence. He also mentioned that the free local papers should be used to advertise the plan to the public.

Member Matsumoto mentioned the City websites and the Chamber of Commerce websites as good places to advertise the plan as well.

6. Member Communications

Member Matsumoto asked whether there was a limit of three applications per jurisdiction for the current call for projects. John Hoang stated that staff made a recommendation to the C/CAG Board of Directors to not limit it to three after discussions with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) staff. Cities will be strongly encouraged to be reasonable with applications.

Member Alfano mentioned that with the weather the ADA compliant ramps are very slick with rain.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.